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SUBJ: EC DISCUSSION OF AFRICAN ISSUES

1. MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS RUTTEN GAVE EMBOFFS
FOLLOWING RUN DOWN ON JULY 1-2 EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS
DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

2. SOUTH AFRICA: EC-9 ARE STILL INTENSELY INTERESTED IN
DETAILS KISSINGER-VORSTER DISCUSSIONS, BUT DO NOT HAVE MUCH
INFORMATION. GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT VORSTER HAD BEEN
HARD HEADED, APPARENTLY CONFIRMED BY REPORT ON CONVERSATIONS
IN BONN BETWEEN VORSTER/MULLER AND SCHMIDT/GENSCHER. GENSCHER
WAS SAID TO HAVE COME AWAY WITH VIEW THAT VORSTER IDENTIFIED
ISSUES IN TERMS OF SOVIET INSPIRED CONSPIRACY DIRECTED AGAINST
ALL WHITE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ARGUING THAT WESTERN
EUROPEANS SHOULD THEREFORE GIVE SUPPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA. OF
COURSE, NONE OF THE NINE, RUTTEN SAID, BOUGHT THIS LINE OF
ARGUMENT.

3. RHODESIA: SOUTH AFRICA HAS ADMITTED THAT SMITH SHOULD
CHANGE HIS POLICIES IN RHODESIA AND ACHIEVE COMPROMISE WITH
ANC. NINE FEEL THAT VORSTER WILL NOT USE ECONOMIC PRESSURE
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SUCH AS CLOSING BORDER FOR FEAR OF ACKNOWLEDGING LEGITIMACY OF

SUCH AN EMBARGO WHICH COULD ALSO BE USED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.
ANOTHER RELATED COMPLICATION WAS NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICANS
RESIDENT IN RHODESIA.

4. NAMIBIA: NINE DECIDED THAT AMBASSADORS IN SOUTH AFRICA
SHOULD REMAIN ACTIVE IN SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO SPEED UP
EVOLUTION IN NAMIBIA. NINE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS OF
THEIR OWN BUT ARE INTERESTED IN TANZANIAN INITIATIVE. THERE
WAS SOME ENCOURAGEMENT IN FACT SWAPO HAD DROPPED CLAIM TO BE
SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

5. TRANSKEI: NINE WERE VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS THAT DECISION
ON RECOGNITION COULD NOT BE MADE MERELY ON HISTORIC OR LEGAL
GROUNDS. TWO FACTS WERE CLEAR: SOUTH AFRICA WAS USING
TRANSKEI AS PART OF ITS APARTHEID POLICY AND AN INDEPENDENT
TRANSKEI COULD ONLY FUNCTION IF IT WERE ACCEPTED BY OTHER
AFRICAN STATES AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY. OAU WAS ABOUT TO TAKE
DECISION ON TRANSKEI RECOGNITION AND THIS DECISION WAS EXPECTED
TO BE NEGATIVE. EC-9 WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW SUIT. IN THAT
EVENT, THERE WOULD BE NO REPLY TO INVITATIONS TO INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS. RUTTEN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN WASHINGTON
THINKING ON THIS ISSUE, KEYING HIS REMARKS TO COMMENTS MADE
BY THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STEOL DURING
MINISTERIAL IN OSLO.

6. RUTTEN SAID EC-9 AGREED ON NEED TO RENEW DIALOGUE IN
PRETORIA AND INTENDED TO FOLLOW UP LAST FEBRUARY DEMARCHE
BY ANOTHER IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS.
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